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## 4th INTERNATIONAL AVIATION TRAINING SYMPOSIUM (IATS)

July 17-20, 2006

by Stan Solo, AMA-800

Coming this summer, the FAA Academy and the Air Traffic Control Association (ATCA) will co-host the 4th International Aviation Training Symposium (IATS). The symposium will be conducted the week of July 17, at the Cox Business Services Convention Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The Airports and International Training Division (AMA-800) has taken the lead in planning IATS.

The theme of IATS is "Creating a Global Partnership through Safety, Capacity Building, and Training".

The IATS will offer an opportunity for governments, academia, industry officials, and other technical experts to present and discuss information on various topics that represent challenges and solutions to the global aviation industry. In particular, the forum will focus on issues of aviation safety, training management, funding, air traffic management, navigation services, resource sharing partnerships, and International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) requirements for safety management system, and English language standards.

Plenary sessions will feature high-ranking officials from the international aviation

community, from industry and government who will cover specific topics such as next generation technologies and implications on training; aviation and space education programs; International safety, security, audit, and certification programs; and regional priorities with resource sharing and partnership. The plenary sessions will set the tone for subsequent workshops by discussing major issues from a global perspective.

The exposition will also feature the latest training technologies, equipment, products, and services offered by various private companies and public organizations.

The 2006 IATS program will truly be a global event and the goal is to advance global aviation systems through workforce development, training technologies, and adaptability in the ever-changing policies and standards on international aviation safety. It will be an excellent forum to bring together directors-general of civil aviation authorities, key representatives of aviation training institutes, universities, and industry leaders for learning, networking, and partnership building.

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## **HOLCOMB AND ESPINOSA ATTEND FAAMA SILVER ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE**

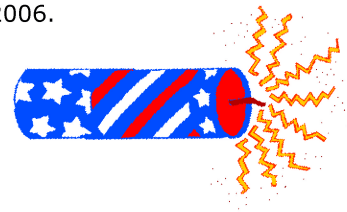
by Judy Holcomb, AMA-400

Judy Holcomb, Airway Facilities Division (AMA-400) and Don Espinosa, Environmental Branch (AMA-430) attended the 25th Annual FAAMA Conference at the Monte Carlo Resort and Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada, October 23-27, 2005. The annual conference was attended by over 300 managers from across all lines of business within the FAA. In addition to training, the conference was addressed by a number of speakers from the agency, which included the new Labor Management negotiation group from headquarters, and culminated with the keynote speaker, Dr. Russ Chew.

Don and Judy attended the conference as training participants, and also staffed the FAA Academy booth in the vendor's exhibit area.

They were joined by Kathy Larson from the Center for Management and Executive Leadership (CMEL). While staffing the booth they answered questions regarding new initiatives at the Academy, and new management training curriculum at CMEL. The Academy also held a drawing for a ladies FAA sweatshirt and an FAA jacket, donated by Don and his wife Carol. Carol Espinosa is the manager for the Employee's Association Bookstore. The raffle raised a total of \$236 which was then donated to the Academy Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) fund.

The Academy booth was a popular spot in the vendor's exhibit area attracted a great deal of interest. Requests were made by several employee groups for the booth to be present at their annual training conferences in 2006.



## ***Farewell***

### **WE BID FAREWELL TO THE FOLLOWING ACADEMY RETIREE'S**

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| BROWN, JUDY          | AMA-100 |
| DODD, CAROLYN        | AMA-110 |
| GRAHAM, ROBERT       | AMA-200 |
| SOUZA, JOSEPH        | AMA-250 |
| NUSBAUM, ROBERT      | AMA-260 |
| WHITAKER, JANA       | AMA-405 |
| BROWN, DAVID         | AMA-410 |
| EBEY, ROBERT         | AMA-430 |
| THOMAS, MARK         | AMA-430 |
| HOBSON, CAROL        | AMA-460 |
| DAVOREN, RUSS        | AMA-521 |
| HECKERT, GEORGE      | AMA-522 |
| GUTHRIE, STEVE WAYNE | AMA-530 |
| LEONE, SANDRA        | AMA-530 |
| SAWYER, GWEN         | AMA-530 |
| MITCHELL, AL         | AMA-600 |
| YOUNT, DAVID         | AMA-930 |

## ***Welcome***

### **WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW EMPLOYEES OR NEW ASSIGNMENTS TO THE ACADEMY**

|                   |          |                    |         |
|-------------------|----------|--------------------|---------|
| LEUTH, JOHN       | AMA-003  | HONEYCUTT, THOMAS  | AMA-810 |
| KING, DEANN       | AMA-300C | COLBERT, JANETTE   | AMA-900 |
| SCHIENER, KENNETH | AMA-300C | JUST, DONALD D.    | AMA-910 |
| PITTMAN, EDNA     | AMA-310  | MORRISON, LAURA    | AMA-910 |
| BASSHAM, GINA     | AMA-405  | KNECHT, STEVEN     | AMA-920 |
| HARRISON, SUSAN   | AMA-430  | MCLAUGHLIN, SAMUEL | AMA-920 |
| GANNAWAY, JEFF    | AMA-430  | TANNER, PAUL       | AMA-930 |
| BELL, CHRISTY     | AMA-450  | LAWSON, JOHN       | AMA-930 |
| REISCH, STEVEN    | AMA-450  |                    |         |
| DIXON, CAROLYN    | AMA-480  |                    |         |
| GALLEGOS, LOUIS   | AMA-480  |                    |         |
| TAYLOR, ROBERT    | AMA-490  |                    |         |
| BLAIR, MARIA      | AMA-501  |                    |         |
| WALBORN, MICHAEL  | AMA-511  |                    |         |
| REESE, SHERRY     | AMA-530  |                    |         |
| RENNER, CLARRISA  | AMA-800  |                    |         |
| MILLER, JEANNA    | AMA-800A |                    |         |



## **ACADEMY DIVISIONS MERGE**

by Clarissa Renner, AMA-800

In April of this year, several changes were made within the Academy to reduce the number of operating divisions and to better align employees' customer support functions.

The Airports Branch (AMA-620) was realigned to the International Training Division (AMA-800) thus creating the Airports and International Training Division (AITD), (AMA-800).

Logistics Branch employees (AMA-610) were realigned to the STARS Branch (AMA-490).

The reorganization in AITD created a new branch manager position, a training program coordinator position for the new Airports Team, and a training program coordinator position for the new Aviation Safety Team. This reorganization will better accommodate the expanded role with Airports training and increases in activities and workload of all the international training programs.

## **NEW TECH OPS TRAINING INITIATIVE**

by Ann Saxton, AMA-405

An innovative initiative for training and certification of newly hired Airway Transportation Systems Specialists (ATSS's) was launched in FY-06. The goal of the Technical Operations Hiring, Training, and Certification (TOHTC) Program is to provide orientation training, certification and screening for new hires in the maintenance work force prior to reporting to their assigned duty location. Program participants are either Collegiate Training Initiative (CIT) students in the ATSS occupation or new employees from the Airway Facilities Centralized Application Pool System (AFCAPS).

Communications training was the first specialty area chosen by the TOHTC Program for implementation. New hires attend 10 weeks of Academy instruction which includes familiarization in National Airspace System (NAS) basics and safety awareness. Lectures/labs on communications systems/equipment provide the specialized training needed to meet certification criteria.

Continuous day and evening sessions have been conducted for communications new hires throughout FY-06. Over 600 students have now successfully completed the performance exam.

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Along with the workshop presentations and plenary sessions, participants are sure to walk away with the latest information to cover the many challenges our industry faces.

At the 2003 symposium, 350 delegates from 40 countries attended, and for this year, we expect to exceed this number.

The 2006 IATS program will conclude with an escorted tour of the FAA's Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center, a richly diverse campus representing three of the six lines of business in the FAA and home to the FAA Academy, Civil Aerospace Medical Institute (CAMI), Aviation System Standards (AVN), and the Transportation Safety Institute (RTI).


The U.S. Trade and Development Agency and the World Bank have been invited as well. The U.S. Department of Transportation is hosting a large delegation from the Safe Skies for Africa countries, and we also expect delegations from China and Korea.

The IATS also contributes to the economy of the local business district in historic, downtown Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Delegates will have the opportunity to see the new Cox Business Services Convention Center, and stay at the new Courtyard Marriott and Renaissance Hotels, with expected attendance of 350 delegates from around the world!

For more details and updates on the 2006 IATS, visit <http://www.atca.org>

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## JULY 2006

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### ATN Broadcast Schedule

#### Federal Aviation Administration Times Listed Are Central Time Zone

|                             |                                      |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| July 18, 2006<br>1-2p       | New "New Hire" Procedures (CC)       |
| July 19, 2006<br>12-2p      | Welcome to the "NEW" Academy (CC)    |
| July 20, 2006<br>1:30-3:30p | International Training Division (CC) |



### HELPFUL WEB LINKS

#### Academy Strategic Plan Feedback

<http://www.academy.faa.gov/intranet/straPlan.asp>

#### e-LMS

<http://elms-info.dot.gov>  
<http://elms.dot.gov/learner/login.jsp>

#### Employee Association - Bookstore

<http://www.eabookstore.com/>

#### FAA Branding Guidelines

[http://employees.faa.gov/worktools/branding\\_guidelines](http://employees.faa.gov/worktools/branding_guidelines)

#### FAA Career Opportunities

<http://jobs.faa.gov>

#### FAA Employees Credit Union

<http://www.faaecu.org>

#### FAA Employees Site

<http://employees.faa.gov>

#### FAA Find - Directory

<http://www.find.faa.gov>

#### MMAC Library

<http://library.mmac.faa.gov>

#### FAA Center for Management and Executive Leadership

<http://www.cmef.faa.gov>

#### IATS Home Page

[http://www.atca.org/iats\\_2006.asp](http://www.atca.org/iats_2006.asp)